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MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: U. Manber et al. Attorney Docket No.: 121908
Application No.: 10/750,166 Group Art Unit: 2621
Filed: December 31, 2003 Examiner: G.M. Desire
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC IMAGES OF
TEXT BASED ON USER OWNERSHIP OF CORRESPONDING
PHYSICAL TEXT

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

June 7, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the March 7, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	-	20	=	0	x	50	=	0
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	200	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005. In the Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,385,614 that issued to Vellandi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,331,865 that issued to Sachs et al.

Applicants' attorney thanks Examiner Desire for the time and consideration he extended in a telephone interview conducted on June 3, 2005. In the interview, applicants' attorney and Examiner Desire discussed the Vellandi and Sachs et al. references in view of the pending claims. It was noted that the Vellandi disclosure is deficient in many regards. In particular, Vellandi is silent as to any disclosure about confirming user ownership of a physical text as claimed, which was correctly noted in the Office Action. Nevertheless, the Office Action improperly relied on the Sachs et al. reference to cure the deficiency of disclosure in Vellandi. The Sachs et al. reference does not teach or suggest confirming user ownership of a physical text or otherwise receiving information indicating a user's ownership of a physical text as set forth in the present claims.

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For these reasons among others, the pending claims are patentable over the prior art. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-20 and allowance of the claims at an early date. Should any issues remain needing resolution prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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